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Kankakee Jewel-Osco Showcases New Renovations

KANKAKEE, IL - (November 18, 2020) – With some prompting from Mayor Wells-Armstrong, the Jewel-Osco location in Kankakee recently invested nearly \$600K for new renovations. A ribbon cutting was held today after the Jewel-Osco and City of Kankakee teams walked through the store last week to see the renovations. Shoppers will immediately notice new flooring, retrofitted LED lighting, and many changes to the store's layout. To improve the customer experience, express checkout lanes have also been added and the customer service desk has been moved.

Display improvements and alterations to the floor plan now allow for a wider selection of products for shoppers. Multiple departments have been enhanced and expanded including produce, cold beer and drinks, fresh meat and butcher and the deli. Also, a consultant room has been added in the Pharmacy department. Exterior improvements include the addition of planters, repainting of the parking lot and lighting enhancements.

"We are delighted to share these improvements with our neighbors in Kankakee. The investment in the store underscores our commitment to providing an easy, exciting, and friendly shopping experience for the community we share," said Jewel-Osco Store Director, Victor Reyes.

"Economic development has been and remains a priority for this administration. Given the fact that the city council adopted a Riverfront Masterplan during 2018 and this store is within the footprint of that plan, I thought

it was time to initiate a conversation with the Jewel team since the store had not been renovated in at least 15 years. Our residents deserve the dignity of having an updated store that improves their shopping experience, expands their options and provides better services. I am pleased with the responsiveness of the Jewel-Osco team, the improvements to enhance the shopping experience and their commitment as a community partner,” said Mayor Wells-Armstrong.

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About the Economic and Community Development Agency (ECDA):

The Kankakee Economic and Community Development (ECDA) is a local government agency whose mission is to improve the lives of Kankakee residents and enhance the economic vitality of communities through housing, economic development and community development. The ECDA administers programs that serve the neighborhoods and residents of the City of Kankakee provided by federal, state and local funding. For more information, contact ECDA at 815-933-0506, Monday – Friday between 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visit our website at <https://ecda.citykankakee-il.gov/>.

About the City of Kankakee, Illinois:

The City of Kankakee is dedicated to protecting, building and nurturing the community while enhancing lives. We are a historic, vibrant and active riverfront community. We continue to transform into an extraordinary place to dream, grow and thrive. Embracing our diversity, we strive to be progressive, inclusive and innovative. For more information on the City of Kankakee, please visit the website at www.citykankakee-il.gov.